

REMARKS

Applicant submits this preliminary amendment prior to examination on the merits. Claims 6-60 are pending in the application. Claims 6-45 have been allowed. Claims 46-60 are newly added, and recite computer systems having one or more processors that exercise instructions stored in one or more memories in order to perform the methods in allowed claims 6-25. Consequently, Applicant believes that all of claims 6-60 are in condition for allowance, and requests that all of the claims be allowed to issue.

The applicant had telephonic interviews with the Examiner on November 30, 2007 and December 4, 2007. During the November 30 interview, the applicant asked the examiner to reconsider his decision to not initial three foreign art references that were cited in an IDS filed on October 30, 2007, since the subject matter of all three references was explained in the translation of a Japanese Patent Office action that first cited the references, which office action was also cited in the IDS and provided to the Examiner. *See MPEP § 609.04(a)(III).* As a result of the interview, the Examiner agreed to initial Japanese laid-open application 2000-155845, and the Kawanishi article entitled “OpenGL and 3D Graphics.” However, the Examiner refused to initial the Kaneko article entitled “3D Algorithm,” which was published in C Magazine on October, 2000 at pages 44-57, because the translation of the Japanese Patent Office Action refers to the article that was published in C Magazine on October 2000 at pages 44-57 as “Collected Here! Usable Algorithm.” During the December 4, 2007 interview, the applicant explained the discrepancy in the title of the Kaneko article, namely, that the article “3D Algorithm” appears in a section of C Magazine that is entitled “Collected Here! Usable Algorithm.” Evidently, when the Japanese Patent Office Examiner cited the Kaneko reference, she incorrectly referred to the section of C Magazine in which the reference appears rather than to the title of the article that appears in that section. Despite this explanation, the Examiner indicated he was still unable to consider the “3D Algorithm” reference, and suggested the only way to clarify the situation was to file an RCE with a complete translation of the article. The applicant now does so.

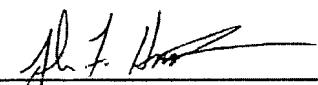
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